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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SAN GABRIEL CANYON SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN
RENEW CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR BIOLOGICAL AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Renew the San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan (SMP) Biological and Water Quality Monitoring contract with Chambers Group, Inc., to perform monitoring within the San Gabriel Canyon Plan SMP project area during summer 2003 through spring 2004.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to encumber \$450,000 from the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Flood Control District budget for the Fiscal Year 2003-04 work.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to encumber the funds necessary to renew the consultant services agreement with Chambers and complete the work under the agreement for summer 2003 through spring 2004. Chambers will perform biological and water quality monitoring for the San Gabriel Canyon SMP. Chambers will also perform permit compliance measures for the San Gabriel Reservoir and Burro Canyon components of the San Gabriel Canyon SMP.

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In June 1998, your Board certified the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the San Gabriel Canyon SMP. Public Works is required to implement the pre- and post-project mitigation measures identified in the EIS/EIR prepared for the SMP. Public Works is also required to comply with the special conditions of permits obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Fish and Game, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The scope of these permit requirements includes conducting a biological assessment of the project vicinity, performing population surveys, relocating and monitoring sensitive species, and conducting sediment and water quality monitoring analysis.

Implementation of County Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness as these consultant services are required infrequently, and Chambers has the expertise, qualifications, and experience to perform the required work. As a result, Chambers can provide these services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

A consultant services agreement for a not to exceed fee of \$3,600,000 over five years renewable annually was approved by your Board in June 2002. The cost of the consultant service activities for summer 2003 through spring 2004 is \$450,000. This cost includes a base fee of \$440,000 to perform the required services for one year. Also, \$10,000 is included for unforeseen additional services that may become necessary as the work progresses. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without written authorization from the Director of Public Works.

There will be no impact to Public Works' General Fund. Financing for this consultant services agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Flood Control District budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, was approved by your Board in June 2002 and is being used. The standard Board-directed clauses were included.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The renewal of this consultant services agreement is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as specified in Sections 15268 and 15269 (b) and (c), and categorically exempt as specified in Sections 15304(d) and 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

As stated in our June 2002 letter to your Board, the evaluation and selection of Chambers was completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. A five-year annually renewable consultant services agreement for a not to exceed fee of \$3,600,000 over five years was approved by your Board in June 2002.

The negotiated fee for service activities for summer 2003 through spring 2004 has been reviewed by Public Works and is considered reasonable for the scope of work. The proposed fee of \$450,000 represents 12 percent of the original contract amount.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no adverse impact on current services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Counsel